

disease. He has faced that challenge as he has with all in his life, with courage and a deep-abiding faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Coach Richt for his storybook career. He has forever changed the lives of many young men, UGA athletics, and college football.

#### MEMORIAL FOR JUDY HANDLER

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Judy Handler.

Judy was born in Romania in 1935. After an upbringing fractured by World War II, Judy and her family fled the postwar communist regime, escaping through Europe to Israel. Judy's arduous childhood taught her the power of human compassion, something her family says saved her life more than once.

Judy then came to the United States and quickly found the love of her life, Dr. Jerry Handler. The couple married and moved to California, where they spent 65 years making San Diego their home.

The thing that Judy was most proud of was the loving family she built with her husband. Having extended her heart so fully to her family and community, it is no wonder that Judy is deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, I send my condolences to Jerry and the family, and I honor her courage, curiosity, and compassion. May her memory be a blessing.

#### HAITI IS DESCENDING INTO CHAOS

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, Haiti is descending into chaos. These folks just lost their democratically elected government, and the violent gangs, which were already running rampant in the country, have basically taken over the country.

Mr. Speaker, this is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its people are starved, scared, and terrorized. Why are world leaders not paying more attention? Where is the United Nations? They are not doing anything. They are not sending any peacekeepers.

We have sent close to \$100 billion to Ukraine since Russia invaded. Of course, I support Ukraine's fight for freedom. I don't support sending them all our money. We shouldn't be its primary sponsor. We shouldn't be hypocritical in how we help countries around the world.

What are we going to do if China invades our allies in Taiwan? Do we have a plan? Heck, no, we don't have a plan.

We need to be smarter with where we send our money and aid. We need a con-

sistent plan that puts Americans' interests first and addresses foreign conflict.

#### FOSTERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize the young people from North Carolina who have joined us and to introduce the Restoring Communities Left Behind Act.

During my years as a city planner before coming to Congress, I witnessed firsthand that fostering economic development in our communities requires strong local leadership. The involvement of neighborhood champions who know their neighborhoods block by block is essential.

This legislation would direct \$5 billion toward programs for homeowner rehabilitation assistance, weatherization, improved accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities, refinancing, and property tax relief.

It will help restore quality housing, including in the rural communities and the cities that I represent, such as Toledo, Sandusky, and Defiance. These locations have suffered from decades of job losses, outsourcing, recessions, and chronic underinvestment.

Congress must serve as the partner to our on-the-ground organizations. Local leaders know what resources are needed and where and how best to deploy them to revive their neighborhoods. That is why the Restoring Communities Left Behind Act promotes local control and capacity building for economic development.

These investments will repair homes, stimulate economic growth, and revitalize communities at a time when our Nation needs affordable housing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support the Restoring Communities Left Behind Act.

#### CHINESE SPY BALLOON SITUATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I was home over the weekend and saw a lot of folks in the district, and they are baffled by the handling of this Chinese spy balloon situation.

Regular folks are wondering: Why in the world was this thing handled or not handled the way it was? Why was it allowed to travel across the entire North American Continent, through the NORAD system, from Alaska through Canada down through our Midwestern States, and finally exiting at Carolina?

Why wasn't another way found to bring the balloon down slowly, maybe just a couple of bullet holes in the balloon itself instead of allegedly a million-dollar missile hitting the spy

array so there is not going to be any evidence as it got dumped into the ocean?

There are a lot of questions to be answered about this, and we are not getting very good answers out of the military or out of the White House.

Tomorrow night, the President is going to be standing about 10 feet away from this spot right here, and I hope he has some really good answers on what our air defense system looks like in this country. How much spying is allowed to go on by balloon, for crying out loud?

We know the satellites that are up there and stuff, but this is a breach of the trust of our country, and we are looking foolish around the world by allowing this to happen.

#### MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my first Mental Health Monday.

There are 731,000 adults in Oregon who have a mental health condition. These 731,000 of our friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family members are struggling, and we in Congress have an obligation to find solutions to their struggles.

That is why I am dedicating my Mondays to mental health. For too long, we have allowed stigma to shame people into silence, and that silence has cost lives. It is my hope that, by raising awareness, we can make strides in care, treatment, and recovery for those struggling with their mental health.

Today is also the first Monday of Black History Month, so I would be remiss not to acknowledge the troubling disparity in mental health care for the Black community. Lack of access to culturally responsive care makes treatment inaccessible to too many Black and Brown individuals. Congress must work to bridge that gap.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me for future Mental Health Mondays as we work to break new ground on this very important issue.

#### RECRUITING A NEW CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese spy balloon may not have been the first, and it may not be the last.

It is interesting how the Chinese can characterize an outright spy balloon of some sort, suggest it is only trying to find out the weather, whether we have sunny days or not.

I rise to support H.R. 302 that provided for establishment of a program to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of